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1. REF A INDICATES THAT MEMBERS OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S STAFF MAY STOP IN VIENTIANE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO VIET-NAM TO RECEIVE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. MARINE GUARDS KILLED DURING EVACUATION OF SAIGON.

2. OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH CODEL MONTGOMERY OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (REF B) SUGGESTS THAT THE EARLIER WE CAN NOTIFY LAO GOVERNMENT OF STAFF MEMBERS' TRAVEL AND OF ANY REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH LAO OFFICIALS, THE BETTER OFF WE WILL BE. ALSO, IT WAS OUR REQUEST -- LATER WITHDRAWN -- FOR CLEARANCE FOR U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT CODEL MONTGOMERY TO AND FROM VIENTIANE THAT APPARENTLY CREATED GREATEST SUSPICION IN MINDS OF LAO OFFICIALS.

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IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT PDRL WOULD GRANT CLEARANCE FOR A

MILITARY FLIGHT THIS TIME EITHER. AS IT TURNED OUT, HOWEVER, CODEL MONTGOMERY HAD VIRTUAL "CARTE BLANCHE" FROM UNHCR TO USE AIRCRAFT UNDER CHARTER TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

3. AFTER NEWS OF POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY SENATOR KENNEDY'S STAFF BECAME PUBLIC (EA PRESS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 31, STATE 000211, NOTAL), EMBOFF ASKED SECOND-RANKING STAFF MEMBER OF UNHCR'S VIENTIANE OFFICE WHETHER HE HAD RECEIVED ANY WORD ABOUT POSSIBLE UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO SUCH A STAFF DEL. HE SAID HE HAD NOT, ALTHOUGH BOTH HE AND CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE WERE ON A VAGUE SORT OF ALERT ABOUT A POSSIBLE STOP HERE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE OF ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT (OR GENEVA) CAN OBTAIN ABOUT STAFF MEMBERS' ITINERARY AND MODE OF TRAVEL AND ANY COMMITMENT BY UNHCR TO ASSIST WITH AIR TRANSPORT.

5. SAME WOULD APPLY TO POSSIBLE VISIT BY REPS. GONZALEZ AND LLOYD OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE, WHICH STAFF DEL KENNY MENTIONED WHEN HE WAS HERE DECEMBER 22-23. CORCORAN

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